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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, PK  
SUBJ: WHITE PAPER ON BHUTTO'S MISUSE OF MEDIA

REF: ISLAMABAD 7246

1. ON AUGUST 26 THE GOP ISSUED ITS SECOND WHITE PAPER ON FORMER PM BHUTTO'S MISUSE OF POWER. THE 280 PAGE WHITE PAPER DEALS WITH BHUTTO'S CONTROL AND MISTREATMENT OF THE PRESS DURING HIS FIVE AND A HALF YEARS AS PRIME MINISTER. THE HIGHLY CRITICAL ACCOUNT IS ANOTHER STEP IN THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION'S PREPARING OF  
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THE PUBLIC FOR THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION ON BHUTTO'S FATE.

2. THE WHITE PAPER ACCUSES BHUTTO OF "FORGING A CAPTIVE MEDIA" SO THAT HIS OWN IMAGE AS THE "UNDISPUTED, PEERLESS AND SUPREME LEADER" OF PAKISTAN, ASIA AND THE THIRD WORLD COULD BE BUILT UP. THIS ACCUSATION IS SUPPORTED BY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF ORDERS GIVEN BY BHUTTO AND HIS AIDES TO PUNISH JOURNALISTS AND

NEWSPAPERS THAT DID NOT SUPPORT HIM. THE WHITE PAPER STATES BHUTTO ORDERED HIS POLITICAL OPPOSITION DESTROYED BY CONSTANT VILIFICATION, MEDIA SILENCE ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES, AND FALSE STATEMENTS PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY OPPOSITION LEADERS. BHUTTO'S FINANCIAL SHENANIGANS TO SUPPORT THIS CAMPAIGN ARE HIGHLIGHTED AS IN THE PREVIOUS WHITE PAPER (REFTEL).

3. THE EMBASSY HAS PREPARED AND WILL POUCH THIS WEEK TO DEPARTMENT AN AIRGRAM ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN PAKISTAN.

4. COPIES OF THE WHITE PAPER ARE BEING POUCHED TO NEA/PAB.  
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